

## **Flagger Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Individuals:**

1. **Q. How do I get certified as a flagger?**  
A. You must contact a certified Entity to obtain certification. You must pass the test with an 80 percent or better.
2. **Q. Where is the Certified Entity list?**  
A. Please visit <https://www.codot.gov/library/traffic/traffic-manuals-guidelines/lane-close-work-zone-safety/flagger-program>  
Or contact 888-639-3271 to obtain a list. A Certified Entity list will be posted on the website upon revision of current list.
3. **Q. Is there a charge to become certified**  
A. Each entity has their own policies. Please contact them to obtain this information.
4. **Q. Can I use another state's flagger card in Colorado?**  
A. If your state is part of WASHTO, <http://www.washto.org/>  
Cards can be accepted if they are current. It is highly recommended that flaggers coming to Colorado, obtain a Colorado Flagger Certification, unless you hold a national certification. Upon National certification expiration, you MUST obtain a new valid State of Co. Flagger certification card.
5. **Q. How long is my Flagger card valid for?**  
A. Colorado Flagger cards are valid for two years from date of original certification. After the two years, flaggers must re-test with a certified entity.
6. **Q. Can I transfer to another company if I Choose?**  
A. Yes, you can use your flagger card anywhere in Colorado until the noted expiration on the card. At such time, you must obtain a new card.
7. **Q. How old do I have to be to become a flagger?**  
A. You must be 18 years or older, with a valid ID, and able to read and write English. You must be capable of standing for long periods of time.

**8. Q. Does the company provide materials to work as a flagger after I pass the test?**

- A. Each company is different. Please speak with the company to obtain specifics on this question. Some will provide materials, such as the safety vest and paddle. Some will not. Some companies may rent their materials to you. If Davis Bacon wages apply, materials questions become complicated. Please speak with your company regarding this. Please check out the link, on the website, regarding Davis-Bacon act and other related material.

**Entities:**

**1. Q. Does our entity have to use the new application?**

- A. Yes. The application meets standard of care, and for entities who are currently certified, it adds extra years onto your authorization.

**2. Q. How does an entity get a proctor?**

- A. You must be registered with the Secretary of State to apply for proctorship. Return the Master application found on the website. Submit a current Flagger card from an approved agency, or a current Traffic Control Supervisor's (\*TCS) card from either the Colorado Contractor's Association (\*CCA) or the American Traffic Safety Services Association (\*ATSSA).

**3. Q. How long does it take to become certified as a proctor?**

- A. After submitting all the required material, your application may take up to thirty (30) days to be approved.

**4. Q. Is there a charge for the cards?**

- A. Currently there is no charge for the cards.

**5. Q. How do I conduct training if I am a new entity?**

- A. There are practice questions at the end of each section in the manual. Read through the manual and questions with your students. You may show a video or teach flagging with hands on practice. After this is completed please give the test to the student. CDOT is consistently trying to update our standards. We have a variety of tools that are being put in place to make the training better.

**6. Q. Where can materials be purchased.**

- A. Materials can be purchased from CDOT Printing and Visual Communications Center at 303-757-9313. They are located at 4201 E. Arkansas Ave. Denver, CO. 80222 South East Bldg.

**7. Q. How much do the bound manuals cost?**

- A. \$2.50. This is the cost for the manual only. Currently the reference guide is not for sale, but can be downloaded from the website. CDOT is working on revising the guide and will post for sale at such time.

**8. Q. Can our company purchase materials if we are not local or in CO?**

- A. Yes you can purchase the manuals and CDOT can send your materials, at your cost to you. If you intend to use these materials for training in another state, contact your states Flagger Program for details on materials. Colorado material is currently only valid in Colorado.

**If you are an individual or an entity, Please feel free to contact our office, as this is not a complete list of questions. We are always open to questions, comments, feedback, or suggestions.**